

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SET ASIDE A TIME ON MEMORIAL DAY AS A MOMENT OF  
6 REMEMBRANCE TO HONOR THE ACTS AND EFFORTS OF MONTANANS WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THE  
7 UNITED STATES AND TO HONOR THOSE MONTANANS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON BEHALF OF  
8 THIS COUNTRY.

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10 WHEREAS, Memorial Day has been celebrated officially in this country since May 1868 as a way of  
11 honoring and remembering the sacrifices of America's brave members of the armed forces who gave their lives  
12 in defense of this country's freedoms; and

13 WHEREAS, the hectic pace of modern lives leaves little time to reflect on the sacrifices of those who  
14 fought and died for this country; and

15 WHEREAS, the true meaning of Memorial Day is in danger of being associated with barbeques, picnics,  
16 and the start of summer more than as a time to honor those who served this country; and

17 WHEREAS, a statewide moment of remembrance would provide a time to encourage all citizens to  
18 pause and reflect on the heroic sacrifices that Memorial Day is intended to commemorate.

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20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

22 That the Governor be urged to proclaim 1 p.m. mountain daylight time on Memorial Day as a moment  
23 of remembrance at which time Montanans will be asked to simultaneously pause and unite in remembrance,  
24 whether in prayer or silent contemplation, of those Americans who gave their lives to secure or maintain liberty  
25 in the United States and of those Americans who continue to serve in this nation's armed forces.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens of Montana, wherever they happen to be and whether  
27 alone or with others, be encouraged to participate in a moment of remembrance.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each public and recreational facility open on Memorial Day in  
29 Montana be urged to make a public announcement at 1 p.m. mountain daylight time, requesting participation  
30 in a moment of remembrance.

